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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HASKELL et al

Serial No.: 09/072,784

Filed: May 6, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO  
PRIORITY VIDEO INFORMATION  
DURING CODING AND DECODING

Examiner: W. Chen

Art Unit: 2624

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2624

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action, dated November 25, 2002, please consider the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

The application contains claims 29-30, 34-35 and 39-44. Claims 39-40 stand rejected as anticipated under § 102 (e) by Suzuki; claims 34-35 and 39-44 stand rejected as obvious over Suzuki and Chang. No explanation has been provided for the rejection of claims 29-30. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and allowance of the application.

At the outset, Applicants thank Examiner Chen for the courtesies of the personal interview conducted February 24, 2003 with the undersigned even though substantial disagreement exists regarding the relevance of the Suzuki reference to the recitation of the pending claims.

**Suzuki is not Prior Art**

The rejections allege that Suzuki's disclosure of scalability syntax in FIGS. 29 & 35 and Cols. 28:13-50 and 31:9-67. Applicants disagree for the reasons stated in prior correspondence. Additionally, Applicants submit herewith declarations from the inventors